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SECOND REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE
(EIGHTH LOK SABHA)

The Rules Committee, at their sitting held on 30th March, 1989 considered a suggestion that two Parliamentary Committees on Science & Technology and Agriculture might be set up.

The Committee note that Members of Parliament of all parties interested in the problems of Indian Agriculture have been emphasising the need to modernise the age-old farming practices and to make available to the farmers the latest technology and scientific innovations to improve productivity and processing with a view to ameliorating the lot of the peasantry who form the back-bone of the country's socio-political system. Likewise, Parliamentarians and others interested in the scientific and technological advancement of the nation have been pointing out that the scientific and technological activities of the Government of India are now spread over nearly all the Ministries of the Government of India. However, there is no machinery through which members could get a total picture of the conduct of the scientific and technological affairs of the nation by the Government. Suggestions have, therefore, been made that two Parliamentary Committees on Agriculture and Science & Technology might be set up to study the policies and programmes of the Government in these two very important areas of Government activity and to oversee the implementation of the various plan programmes.

2. The Committee considered and approved the suggestion that two Parliamentary Committees, namely, a Committee on Science & Technology and a Committee on Agriculture might be set up immediately. The Committee authorised the Speaker to work out and finalise the modalities for the constitution, functions and procedure to be followed by these Committees.

3. The recommendations of the Committee are contained in this their 2nd Report which the Committee authorise to be laid on the Table of the House.

4. The Committee recommend that two Standing Parliamentary Committees on Agriculture and Science & Technology may be set up immediately.

Rules relating to constitution and functions of the Committees, as finalised by the Speaker are set out in Appendix.

5. The Committee also recommend that necessary amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha (Sixth Edition) may be made in due course.

NEW DELHI;
28 April, 1989
8 Vaisakha, 1911 (Saka).

BALRAM JAKHAR,
Chairman,
Rules Committee

APPENDIX

(*See* para 4 of the Report)

I. Rules made by the Speaker relating to the Committee on Agriculture

Functions

1. There shall be a Committee on Agriculture to examine all matters connected with agriculture as are dealt with by the Ministry of Agriculture and allied Ministries and to report thereon from time to time. The functions of the Committee shall be:

(a) to examine such of the activities of the Ministry of Agriculture and allied Ministries as may seem fit to the Committee;

(b) to report what economies, improvements in organisation, efficiency or administrative reform consistent with the policy approved by Parliament, may be effected;

(c) to examine the Annual Reports of the Ministry of Agriculture and allied Ministries with a view to finding out whether the expenditure incurred was commensurate with the results achieved;

(d) to examine such of the plan projects/activities of the Ministry of Agriculture and allied Ministries as may seem fit to the Committee or are specially referred to it by the House or the Speaker; and

(e) to evaluate and suggest measures for modernisation and overall development of agriculture and agricultural industries with a view to enhancing their contribution to economic growth through supplies of food, raw materials and products for exports, etc.

Constitution

2. The Committee shall consist of note more than 22 members comprising 15 members to be nominated by the Speaker every year from amongst the members of Lok Sabha and not more than 7 members of Rajya Sabha to be nominated by the Chairman, Rajya Sabha for being associated with the Committee.

Provided that a Minister shall not be nominated as a member of the Committee, and that if a member, after his nomination to the Committee is appointed a Minister, he shall cease to be a member of the Committee from the date of such appointment.

3. The term of office of the members of the Committee shall not exceed one year.

Provided that the members of the Committee constituted for the first time shall hold office for the duration of the Eighth Lok Sabha.

4. The Speaker shall appoint one of the members of the Committee to be its Chairman.

Provisions applicable in other respects

5. In other respects the general rules applicable to Parliamentary Committees given in Chapter XXVI of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha (Sixth Edition) shall apply with such adaptations, whether by way of modifications, additions or omissions as the Speaker may consider necessary or convenient.

II. Rules made by the Speaker relating to the Committee on Science & Technology

Functions

1. There shall be a Committee to examine all matters dealt with by the Ministry of Science & Technology and allied Ministries and to report thereon from time to time. The functions of the Committee shall be:

(a) to examine such of the activities of the Ministry of Science & Technology and allied Ministries as may deem fit to the Committee;

(b) to report what economies, improvement in organisation, efficiency or administrative reform consistent with the policy approved by Parliament, may be effected;

(c) to examine the Annual Reports of the Ministry of Science & Technology and allied Ministries with a view to finding out whether the expenditure incurred was commensurate with the results achieved;

(d) to examine such of the plan projects/activities of the Ministry of Science & Technology and allied Ministries as may seem fit to the Committee or are specially referred to it by the House or the Speaker;

(e) to study the policies and programmes of Government in the field of science and technological development;

(f) to examine and evaluate Government sponsored or aided activities for the promotion of research and development and their application to industry and agriculture as well as to the security of the nation;

(g) to examine matters affecting scientific and technological institutions, *e.g.* financial, personnel, purchase and import policies and practices;

(h) to examine the plans and programmes in bio-technology;

(i) to examine measures for development and utilisation of scientific man-power; and

(j) to suggest measures for promoting economic development through increased use of scientific and technologicol innovations.

Constitution

2. The Committee shall consist of not more than 22 members comprising 15 members who shall be nominated by the Speaker every year from amongst the members of Lok Sabha and not more than 7 members of Rajya Sabha to be nominated by the Chairman, Rajya Sabha for being associated with the Committee.

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